North East Medical Services Population Health Learning Network - Year 2 **Adolescent Behavioral Health Screening** Improvement Project



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We Aimed To



Improve Existing Depression Screening Process for Adolescents (age 12-17)



Connect Patients to

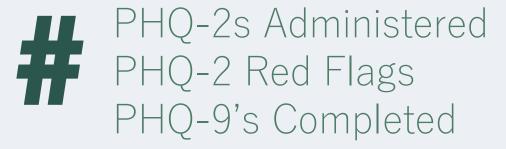
Appropriate Behavioral Health Services



Ensure All NEMS Clinics have Standardized Integrated Primary Care and Behavioral Health Care Teams

We Measured





BH Follow-Up Rate for PHQ-9 Red Flags

Adolescent Depression
Screening Compliance

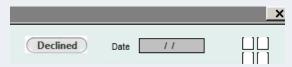
Changes – All Tested and Implemented



Technology



- Standardization of Questionnaire
- Adoption of Formalized Workflow
- Implementation of Policies and Procedures
- Movement of Decline Button



Staff Trainings



- Multiple Trainings
- Emphasis of FD/MA Staff Trainings
- Adaption to Emerging Situations: Patients hand back iPad, do not finish screening, etc.

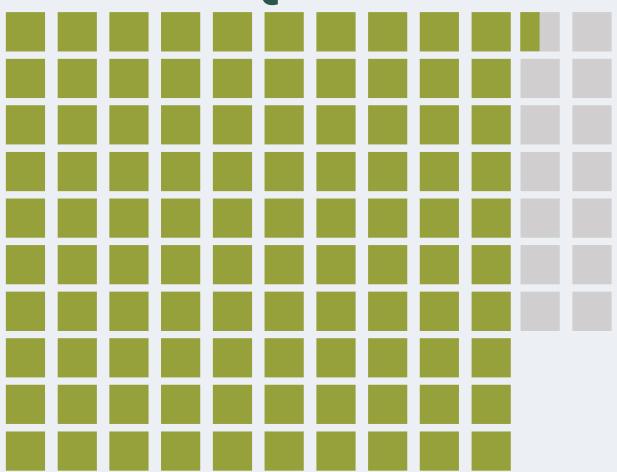
Data Collection



- Alignment with Organizational Goals
 - Excluding false positive patients
 - Shortening follow-up timeframe to same-day



2512 PHQ-2s Administered 2018 Baseline: 2457 Goal: 2850



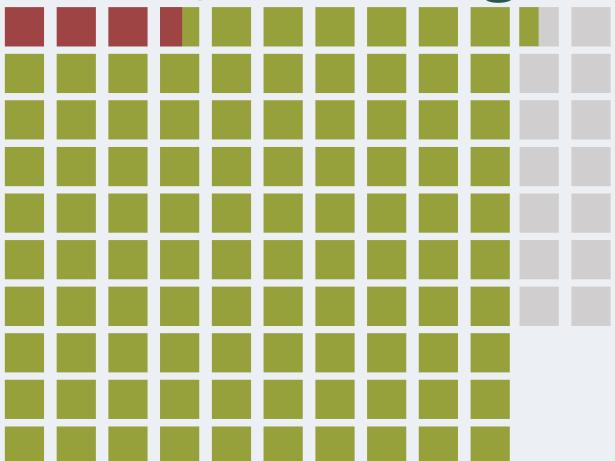
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= PHQ-2s

= PHQ-2s Remaining from Goal



92 PHQ-2 Red Flags 2018 Baseline: 114 Goal: 125



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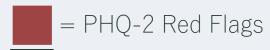
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= PHQ-2s Remaining from Goal

= PHQ-2 Red Flags



92 PHQ-2 Red Flags 2018 Baseline: 114 Goal: 125 86 PHQ-9s Completed 2018 Baseline: 86 Goal: 95







Data Discoveries

Reasons for PHQ2 Red Flag - PHQ9 Completion Gap

- 1. iPad Not Implemented
- 2. Patient Declined Screening
- 3. Lack of Time



88.00% BH Follow-Up Rate for PHQ-9 Goal: 60% Red Flags



88.16% Screening Compliance Rate

Goal: 73%



Strategies for Success



Conversations between Primary Care, BH, Data, and Project Teams

- Explore on-the-ground causes and consequences for observed data
- Implement changes from multiple levels



Regular tracking of monthly data trends

 Frequently touch base with data team to refine data capturing methods



Speaking with other teams/advisors through CCI Channels

- Receive external perspectives on individual issues
- Collaborate on solutions to shared issues
- Gain knowledge of different workflows

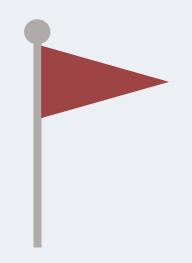


Key Tools and Resources



iPad Screenings

- Uniform and consistent screening process across organization
- Greater patient autonomy in answering questions



Automatic Generation of Follow-Up Reports

- Removes paper form data entry wait time
- Immediate ability to check in with patient/PCP and coordinate care



Integrated Care Approach

- Promotes organizationwide shift towards team based care
- Interdepartmental understanding of BH link to physical health

Spreading

Using Data to
Create Workable
Processes to
Better Help
Patients









Challenges

For red-flag patients who deny the need for followup care but present with obvious, unaddressed behavioral health symptoms during future medical appointments, how can we

bridge the gap between

screening and care?

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Thank you!



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